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All New MCM10K Moves Start to National Mall on Sunday, October 25

Registration Begins at Noon Eastern on May 13 at www.marinemarathon.com

QUANTICO, VA (April 30, 2009) - The Marine Corps Marathon (MCM) today announced the All New MCM10K presented by Aetna will register an expanded race field of 7,500 runners and relocate the start line to the DC side of the Potomac on Sunday, October 25 at 8 a.m. Registration begins on May 13 at noon eastern at www.marinemarathon.com and is open to runners age 10 and older.

“The MCM10K has grown into a premier event for a race of its distance with great start line energy, lots of on-course spectators and terrific finish support,” said Rick Nealis, Marine Corps Marathon Director.

The changes to the MCM10K occur after a successful 2008 event in which registration closed for the first time at capacity of 5,000 participants.

The new start location for the MCM10K marks the first time one of the MCM’s iconic inflatable, start arches will be placed in the nation's capital. The 6.2 mile course will lead runners across the 14th Street Bridge into Crystal City and to the Marine Corps War Memorial finish line. Both, the MCM and MCM10K, will start at 8:00 a.m. Runners may access the 10K start line by the Smithsonian Metro Station.

The \$45 registration fee includes bib, mock neck participant shirt, goodie bag, race program and timing tag. Finishers will receive a medal and plenty of post-race replenishment in the hospitality tent.

The MCM10K is presented by Aetna and sponsored by Navy Federal and Arlington County.

Voted “Best Marathon for Families”, the Marine Corps Marathon continues a combined tradition of dedication, sportsmanship and patriotism. Runners from all walks of life have participated in the world’s largest marathon to not offer prize money, deserving the nickname “The People’s Marathon.” The 34th Marine Corps Marathon will be held on October 25, 2009 in Arlington, VA. No federal or Marine Corps endorsement implied.

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